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FOR NEA/INS KUX FROM KREISBERG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID IN

SUBJECT: PL 480

1. IN CALL ON OTHER MATTERS, KRISHNASWAMY (MOF) ASKED ECONCOUNS TO REMAIN AND DISCUSS THIS YEARS'S PL 480 PROGRAM. KRISHNASWAMY HAD USDA PROGRAM FOR TITLE I WHICH SHOWED 450,000 TONS OF WHEAT AND 25,000 TONS OF VEGETABLE OIL FOR INDIA. COPY HAD BEEN GIVEN TO MOA AND INITIAL REACTION FROM THEM, HE SAID, WAS THAT GOI WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN TITLE I WHEAT THIS YEAR BUT WOULD VERY DEFINITELY BE INTERESTED IN VEGETABLE OIL. HE WONDERED IF IT POSSIBLE TO RAISE AMOUNT OF THAT COMMODITY IN THE OFFER. HE STRESSED THAT THIS WAS NOT OFFICIAL REQUEST BUT ONLY INFORMAL TALK. HE SAID THIS YEAR WAS OBVIOUSLY BAD YEAR FOR VEGETABLE OIL IN INDIA AS THEY WERE HAVING TO IMPORT 300,000 TONS. THEREFORE, IN THIS CONTEXT, ANY PART OF THEIR NEEDS THAT COULD BE SUPPLIED UNDER TITLE I WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THEM.

2. KRISHNASWAMY LATER TOLD AID OFFICER SOMEWHAT SAME THING. SINCE THIS SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN RAISED BY ANYONE IN EMBASSY WITH GOI OFFICIALS, WE BELIEVE THAT KRISHNASWAMY, WHILE WANTING TO KEEP TALKS AT THIS INFORMAL LEVEL, WAS NONETHELESS
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OFFICIALLY SOUNDING OUT USG REACTION TO REQUEST FOR

VEGETABLE OIL UNDER TITLE I.

3. IF WE HAVE A RESPONSE OUR SUGGESTION IS TO KEEP IT AT
THIS LEVEL, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING, UNTIL WE SEE
FROM HOW FAR UP THE BUREAUCRATIC LADDER THIS INITIAL
QUERY HAS COME.
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